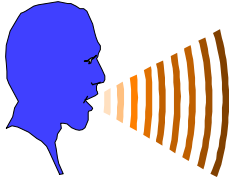


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DoD Acquisition Reform Week 3 *(May 4-8, 1998)*

The USD(A&T) designated *May 4-8, 1998* as *Acquisition Reform Week 3*. The theme this year is *“Leading and Embracing Change: Institutionalizing and Accelerating Acquisition Reform (AR).”* AR continues to be a critical element of the Department’s strategy to meet the needs of the warfighter by providing goods and services better, faster and cheaper. To ensure the strategy is successful, Dr. Gansler is asking that sometime between 4-8 May, our government/industry teams cease normal operations for one day and focus on those AR initiatives most critical to the effectiveness of the team, to share implementation successes, and to determine how best they can be applied to the team’s mission to best accelerate their implementation.

DoD will host a *Kickoff Ceremony on 4 May 1998 at 0900 hours in the Pentagon Courtyard* followed by a host of activities including a Townhall discussion with Dr. Gansler, a series of panel discussions on current AR initiatives and a number of exhibit booths. For more information on AR Week activities, training materials, the AR Week survey, etc. contact your organization’s *AR Advocate* and visit the AR Week site at <http://www.acqnet.sarda.army.mil/acqref>.

Army’s Purchase Card Program *Wins PACKARD Award*

The *David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award* will be presented to the *Army’s Purchase Card Program Team* during the DOD Acquisition Reform Week III Kickoff Ceremony on 4 May 1998. This award recognizes organizations, groups and teams that have demonstrated superior accomplishments significantly contributing to best defense acquisition practices. Key members of the team included Dr. Kenneth Oscar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement); Mr. Bruce Sullivan, Procurement Analyst, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement), Mr. Ernest Gregory, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Operations); and Ms. Kathleen S. Miller, Financial Analyst, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Operations).